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SIU clears city police in deadly crash

INVESTIGATION

Two people killed after chase last year

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The Ontario Special Investigations Unit has decided no charges will be laid in an April 2016 incident where two people died after a Ottawa Police car chase.

Alex Cross, 24, was killed when a driver who was fleeing from police hit him head on on April 12, 2016.

In the early morning, police were attempting to arrest the 39-year-old driver of a Pontiac G6 in the Byward Market. The man tried to flee police in his car.

According to the SIU investigation, two police cruises initiated chase as the Pontiac driver sped up, ignoring red lights and travelling down Rideau Street. Less than a minute later the chase police called off the chase.

The driver of the Pontiac continued to flee, heading east out of downtown and ignoring a red light on McArthur Avenue and the Vanier Parkway. The driver collided with Cross's Honda Accord while making an illegal left-hand turn.

Both Cross and the 37-year-old man fleeing police died.

A 21-year-old woman travelling in the car with Cross sustained serious injuries.

The Ottawa Police officers who initiated the chase were found not responsible for the deaths because the chase was called off so quickly, said SIU director Tony Loparco.

"There is no basis whatsoever to hold either of the two subject officers responsible for the terrible outcomes of the motor vehicle collision," he said in a statement released Wednesday.

> **There is no basis to hold either of the two subject officers responsible.**
>
> Tony Loparco

"As a result of the prudent decision of the road sergeant, the two subject officers cannot be said to have causally contributed to the collision in a legal sense. Consequently, there are no reasonable grounds to believe that an offence has been committed, and no charges will issue."

The SIU is a watchdog agency that investigates reports involving police where there has been a death, serious injury or allegations of sexual assault.

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Winnipeg police arrest, charge men with killing Tina Fontaine's cousin. **Canada**

Trans activists take to the Hill to support bill

RECREATION

No city programs for kids under 6

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Parents who send children under the age of six to after or before school recreation programs run by the city will now need to find licensed daycare spots, after provincial government changes.

In 2015, the province tightened the rules around daycare, requiring licences for care of children under six years old. That means children under six who currently attend the city's before- and after-school recreation programs will have to go elsewhere.

"We thought we'd be able to work out an exemption with the province, but unfortunately we weren't able (to) arrive at that conclusion," said Dan Chenier, city general manager of parks, recreation and cultural services.

Recreational programs will now only serve children between the ages of six and 12.

Chenier said pursuing licences for the city's 31 affected programs would almost double the cost of the programs.

The rules also mean children over six are eligible for just three consecutive hours of care per day.

"For some parents that has major implications," said Chenier.

Chenier said the city tried to get an exemption, but the province didn't grant permission. He estimated around 114 children who participate in the program will be affected in September.

SENATE COMMITTEE

If passed into law, Bill C-16 would enshrine identity rights

Dylan C. Robertson
For Metro | Ottawa

Transgender activists from Ottawa and beyond gathered on Parliament Hill on Wednesday to voice their support for Bill C-16, a federal law that would entrench gender identity and expression into Canada's human rights laws.

The rally came on the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia. But it was called because of a controversial opponent of Bill C-16, who spoke Wednesday to the Senate committee studying the bill.

"Bill C-16 is about enshrining necessary rights and protection for our community.

"It's about realizing that this is more than just pronouns; this is about our very lives that are at risk everyday we walk into public," said Joshua M. Ferguson a non-binary transgender person who was visiting from Toronto.

Ferguson was among roughly 125 activists gathered on the Hill to show their support for the bill.

Fae Johnstone, a Carleton social work student who sat in on all six hours of testimony, organized the rally because of witnesses "who are speaking from a place of bigotry" to the Senate.

"We wanted to rally to support C-16, but also to just take up the space and say 'Hi, we're here — these are our rights you're talking about,'" said Johnstone, who identifies as a "non-binary femme."

Following the rally, University of Toronto psychology professor Jordan Peterson spoke to the Senate's legal committee about why he opposed the bill.

Peterson noted that the federal justice department had linked to the Ontario human rights code online, which says people can be punished for harassment over intentionally using the wrong pronouns — and then removed that hyperlink in December. Peterson said he was "not a discriminatory person" but said he opposed the "unbelievably dangerous" bill because it would lead to professors facing a "re-education committee" and jailing people over "government-mandated speech."

Sky Leaf WanderingTurtle, a self-identified trans queer, speaks in favour of Bill C-16 on Parliament Hill on Wednesday. DYLAN C. ROBERTSON/FOR METRO

> **Bill C-16 is about enshrining necessary rights and protection for our community.** Joshua M. Ferguson

POLICE

Missing the mark on gender policies

Alex Abdelwahab
Metro | Ottawa

When Ottawa Police revealed overhauled gender policies Tuesday, it noted despite meeting its human rights obligations, the new policies didn't meet the force's own goals.

To measure its equality goals, the force used a gender audit tool developed by an outside expert. It found three out of four elements fell short of the threshold for minimum compliance.

Those four elements include strategic command, described as organizational vision and leadership and practical capacity, described as procedures for gender integration.

While the force had improved greatly, only "work culture" received a passing grade.

Deputy Chief Steven Bell said Tuesday some of this was because the force made a conscious decision to include all human rights in its policies, not just gender, even if it meant scoring lower.

"If you look at our policy statement, it is generic. It doesn't speak specifically to gender. In order to get a mark for gender you actually have to say gender in it," Bell said.

To rectify this, the police engaged Dr. Linda Duxbury from Carleton University to do an in-depth study. The study has led to "aha" moments, according to Bell, including women wait longer to start applying for leadership positions, often 20 years, compared to only nine years for men.

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Arc of Memory is an abstract bronze sculpture and will reflect light different based on the time of year and the sun. CONTRIBUTED

Memorial design selected

SYMBOLISM

Victims of Communism sculpture 'expresses hope'

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The federal government has selected the design for the Memorial to the Victims of Communism, which they hope to unveil by November 2018.

The winner, called Arc of Memory, is an abstract bronze sculpture that reflects light in different ways based on sunlight.

"It remembers victims of oppression, but expresses hope," lead artist Paul Raff told reporters Wednesday morning. "It invites fascination and exploration."

The sculpture consists of two curved wall-like metal frames that span 21 metres and rises about four metres in height.

They hold more than 4,000 bronze rods along 365 steel fins, meaning the sun shines at a unique fold in the sculpture daily, reaching the middle at the winter solstice.

That's an intended metaphor, as it's the darkest day of the year, Raff said. "Every moment in this vast history is made visible and tangible."

In early March, the government announced five proposals and 717 people completed a survey, with results splitting close among the proposals. Arc of Memory was rated highest for being "visually striking" and conveying "hope and freedom," but the lowest for expressing "suffering and loss."

Heritage Minister Joly hand-selected the design after input from a jury.

Another proposal that would show a Vladmir Lenin statue being toppled, a symbol of countries rejecting communism, gained the most media attention, but upset some diaspora groups, according to Andris Ķesteris of the Latvian National Federation in Canada.

"It would work counter to the concept of freedom, actually putting up these oppressors," said Ķesteris, compared it to a statue of a falling Hitler.

The Tribute to Liberty charity has raised $1 million for the project, which should cost about $3 million. The government said it will match donations up to $1.5 million, and has already allocated $500,000 for construction costs.

The memorial will carry the name "Canada, a Land of Refuge" and it will be built on the west side of the Garden of the Provinces and Territories, a seldom-used park near the Portage Bridge, where condos are being built.

The memorial has been talked about since 2008; the former Conservative government controversially planned its site in front of the Supreme Court, which judges rejected.

Czech Ambassador Pavel Hrnčíř told Metro he hopes this projects goes over better with Ottawans.

"We're very happy to see this project realized," he said.

Far-left groups have noted that capitalist societies have oppressed people, and recommended the memorial instead tackle totalitarianism.

ECONOMY

Sens scoring for bar owners as well

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Sens fever may be fun for the city, but it's also lucrative for local businesses, according to research by Moneris.

The credit and debit card processor crunched some numbers from the past week of Stanley Cup playoffs, looking at local spending trends.

The result was that during second-round home games, spending at Ottawa's bars increased by 11 per cent compared to the same time last year.

Bars and restaurants saw a similar trend during away games.

In total, the series against the New York Rangers saw spending increase by 11 per cent compared to last year.

"We do it all the time, for different events," said Moneris spokesperson Jeff Guthrie. Moneris looked at spending habits in Ottawa's general postal code area.

"Canadians love to gather in bars and restaurants to cheer on the home team, that's a trend we see across the country," he said.

Peter Abraham, owner of the Sir John A. pub on Elgin Street, agrees.

"The biggest thing is everyone rallies behind them," he said. "Even if you're not a sports fan, regulars who come in and never look at the screen are looking up and they're curious. It brings everyone together.

"We're busy regardless, we're not dependent on it, but what it does is keep us at capacity earlier and longer. Even if you're not a fan, you get into it."

HOMICIDE

Police probe man's death

Ottawa Police are investigating the death of a 19-year-old man as a homicide and believe he may have plummeted from a highrise building to his death.

Police were called at around 10:50 p.m. Tuesday to a highrise at 475 MacLaren St. on what was initially a disturbance call.

Paramedics had been called to the same location for a medical call. When officers arrived they found a man lying on the ground.

He died at the scene and has been identified as Ahmad Afrah, 19, of Ottawa.

A neighbour, who gave her name as Ali but did not want to be identified by last name, said Afrah lived nearby but had friends in the building.

"I never heard him swear in front of me once. He was always saying 'Thank you.' He was a very good person, he didn't deserve this," she said.

A memorial of flowers was placed on a tree outside the building, including a card reading, "Dear Ahmed, we can't imagine our life without you in it."

Police say this is Ottawa's third homicide of 2017.

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Line to be game-changer

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Focus on Cancellations

Confederation Line could mean fewer cancellations

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

The Confederation Line will take commuters off surface routes and keep most buses out of downtown.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Eliminating every bus cancellation OC Transpo faces daily is probably not possible.

There will always be buses that break down, road closures, sick driver and this being Ottawa, snow.

But Pat Scrimgeour, the services' director of transit customer systems said opening the Confederation Line in 2018 is going to be a game changer.

"It's going to help hugely," he said. "In the range of two-thirds, maybe even three-quarters of our unpredictability comes from downtown."

As Metro has reported this week, the system sees an average of 57 cancellations each day. Scrimgeour said most of those cancellations are caused by traffic.

He said freeing transit commuters from clogged downtown streets means those buses won't be stuck.

"They're not crossing through intersections anymore. They're not dealing with right or left turning cars, they're not dealing with parked delivery trucks," he said. "That will all be gone."

The $2.1-billion Confederation Line will run underground the length of downtown, eliminating the current bus lanes on Albert and Slater.

Scrimgeour said buses are also going to be doing shorter routes once the Confederation Line opens, dropping passengers off at the LRT stations rather than driving into downtown.

"Because they're shorter routes they will be able to turn around and go back again," he said.

UPDATES

This is the last part of our look for this week, but Metro intends to continue to look into the data on bus cancellations and publish regular updates on the problem.

Coun. Mathieu Fleury, who has been tracking local routes in his area, said he's hopeful routes can be changed once the Confederation Line opens to keep the frequently cancelled routes in his community on the road more often.

Scrimgeour said while he understands people's frustrations, the city is benefiting from smart decisions in the past, as well as hopefully the Confederation Line in the future.

"We know the decision to build the transitway, in the '70s and then building it in the '80s was massively beneficial for people living further out," he said. Imagine if we were trying to move everyone from Kanata, Stittsville and Barrhaven without the Transitway.

Ottawa DIGEST

Man arrested in luring of teenaged girl

Gatineau police have arrested a man they claim sexually lured a teenage girl to his home in Hull.

Police initially put out a notice March 9 that they were seeking Richard Thomas Miller, 35, on charges of sexual touching, luring, and making sexually explicit material available to a child.

He was arrested and appeared in court Tuesday to face all three charges.

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Bate Island re-opens

Surf's up: The National Capital Commission announced Wednesday that Bate Island has been reopened.

The NCC closed the island, along with other pathways, in early May after flooding due to safety concerns.

Local surfers and kayakers began a petition on Tuesday to reopen the island.

The petition reached around 80 signatures after being up for two days.

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Recognizing Indigenous writers

EQUALITY

'Most positive outcome' from appropriation controversy

Gilbert Ngabo
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When he co-founded the Red Rising Magazine, community organizer and Indigenous journalist Lenard Monkman wanted to offer a platform for an accurate reflection of the First Nations communities.

"For far too long our voices have been misappropriated, and our stories have been told from a deficit point of view," he said. "We have a beautiful culture and beautiful ceremonies but all you hear is negative stuff in the media."

An effort currently underway in Toronto to create a literary award recognizing Indigenous voices sounded like music to his ears. Lawyer Robin Parker launched an online fundraising campaign this week with the goal of supporting upcoming Indigenous writers. It was partly a response to the ongoing debate over cultural appropriation — which was sparked by an editorial in Write magazine that advocated for the creation of the "appropriation prize."

In just over two days, Parker's campaign has raised over $30,000, beyond her initial goal of $10,000. She says she's reaching out to Indigenous organizations across the country so they can be the ones who manage the award.

"That would be extremely important in encouraging young indigenous writers to continue to tell our own stories," said Monkman, who will moderate a panel discussion on Indigenous Voices Rising next month at the Toronto Reference Library.

Journalists for Human Rights' executive director Rachel Pulfer called the award initiative the "most positive outcome" from the appropriation controversy.

EXTRA

In wake of "Appropriation Prize" controversy, Canadian media editors have resigned or been reassigned, including Write's Hal Niedzviecki, Walrus' Jonathan Kay and CBC The National's Steve Ladurantaye.

WINNIPEG

Charges laid in killing of Fontaine's cousin

Police have charged three men in the killing of a cousin of Tina Fontaine, a teenager whose death fuelled calls for a national inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women.

Police in Winnipeg say Jeanenne Chantel Fontaine, 29, was shot in March before the home she was in was set on fire.

She was later taken off life-support.

"She was not the intended victim in this matter," an officer said at a news conference Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

FEDERAL POLITICS

Refugee reforms score a failing grade

Five years after Ottawa rolled out controversial reforms to build a "faster and fairer" asylum system, also meant to boot out failed refugees quickly, the verdict is in.

Despite the changes made by the former Conservative government in 2012, the revamped refugee system has failed to hear claims within tight statutory processing timelines or get rid of the backlog, reports a new study released by the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies.

"The aim of the Balanced Refugee Reform Act and the Protecting Canada's Immigration System Act was to make the system faster, fairer and more cost effective," said Ryerson University criminology professor Idil Atak, who co-wrote the review with Graham Hudson at Ryerson and University of Ottawa professor Delphine Nakache. "But the new system is not faster. It is not fairer. It is not more cost-effective."

For most asylum claimants, refugee hearings are supposed to be held no later than 60 days after the claim is referred to the Immigration and Refugee Board, while those from the government-designated list of "safe" countries will be heard as quickly as within 30 days. Despite the drop in the volume of asylum claims by half over the course of one year, from 20,427 in 2012 to 10,322 in 2013, only 55 per cent of the safe-country claims met the 30-day target, compared to seven out of 10 claims from non-safe countries. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

An RCMP officer helps asylum seekers cross the border from New York in March in Hemmingford, Que. CP

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TRAVEL

Talks end with no airplane laptop ban

Talks on a proposed U.S. ban on laptops and tablets in flights from Europe ended Wednesday with no ban — and a promise of more talks and better intelligence sharing.

For days now, European Union officials have been hoping for details on the threat that prompted the proposed ban — the same details that U.S. President Donald Trump discussed with Russian diplomats at the White House last week.

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The number of people who travel between Europe and North America each year on nearly 400 daily flights.

The airline industry came out against the proposal in a strongly worded letter that said it would cause a severe downturn in trans-Atlantic air travel and cost travellers more than a billion dollars in lost time.

On Wednesday, in a secure room in Brussels, officials from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the European Union swapped information about threats involving air travel.

An official who followed the talks said the ban was "off the table" for now. He spoke on condition of anonymity to release details of the sensitive negotiations.

They also shared details about their aviation security standards and detection capabilities, and agreed to meet again in Washington next week "to further assess shared risks and solutions for protecting airline passengers, whilst ensuring the smooth functioning of global air travel," according to a joint statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this Sept. 4, 2013, photo, then-incoming FBI director James Comey talks with outgoing FBI director Robert Mueller before Comey was officially sworn in at the Justice Department in Washington. On Wednesday, the Justice Department said it is appointing Mueller as special counsel to oversee the probe into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election.
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Ex-FBI boss to lead probe

POLITICS

President faces heightened pressure

Besieged from all sides, the Trump administration appointed former FBI director Robert Mueller Friday evening as a special counsel to oversee the federal investigation into allegations Russia and Donald Trump's campaign collaborated to influence the 2016 presidential election.

The appointment came as Democrats insisted ever more loudly that someone outside Trump's Justice Department must handle the politically charged investigation. An increasing number of Republicans, too, have joined in calling for Congress to dig deeper, especially after Trump fired FBI director James Comey who had been leading the bureau's probe.

Earlier Wednesday, Trump complained in a commencement address that "no politician in history" has been treated worse by his foes, even as exasperated fellow Republicans slowly joined the clamour for an significant investigation into whether he tried to quash the FBI's probe.

Three congressional committees, all led by Republicans, confirmed they wanted to hear from Comey, whose notes about a February meeting with the president indicate Trump urged him to drop the bureau's investigation of fired National Security adviser Michael Flynn. Congressional investigators are seeking Comey's memos, as well as documents from the Justice Department related to the firing.

Many Democrats also were calling for an independent special counsel, or prosecutor.

The latest political storm, coupled with the still-potent fallout from Trump's recent disclosure of classified information to Russian diplomats, overshadowed all else in the capital and beyond. Stocks fell sharply on Wall Street as investors worried that the latest turmoil in Washington could hinder Trump's pro-business agenda.

Republicans, frustrated by the president's relentless parade of problems, largely sought to cool the heated climate with assurances they would get to the bottom of scandals.

Unimpressed, Rep. Elijah Cummings, top Democrat on a key House oversight panel, said, "Speaker Ryan has shown he has zero, zero, zero appetite for any investigation of Donald Trump." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

+ MARKETS

The growing political drama in Washington rattled Wall Street Wednesday, knocking the Dow Jones industrial average down more than 370 points and giving the stock market its biggest single-day slump in eight months. Investors worried that the political turmoil that has enveloped the White House may hinder Trump's plans to cut taxes, roll back government regulations and other aspects of his pro-business agenda.

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DISCOVER THE GREATER STORIES OF OTTAWA

Network of small museums offers intriguing glimpse into the city's past

Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, the Ottawa Museum Network's mission is to promote and advance the interests of community museums by engaging the audience and telling the greater story of Ottawa.

Created as a result of the City of Ottawa's Museum Sustainability Plan, the network works with community museums across the city, including five urban sites that each offer unique and exciting pieces of Ottawa history.

Fairfields Heritage House
An impressive 19th century Gothic Revival farmhouse, Fairfields Heritage House represents the homestead and community building legacy of the Bell family. Originally built on 660 acres of farmland, the museum tells the epic story of nearly 200 years of rich, local history and the people who helped shape the area. With guided tours, as well as programs and events for families, Fairfields Heritage House is a hub of community activity.

The Billings Estate is Ottawa's oldest woodframed house. CONTRIBUTED

Nepean Museum
Looking for a space where kids and families can learn and explore together? Then plan on a visit to the Nepean Museum where the exhibition gallery showcases Nepean's history through a series of changing exhibits. This year, the Nepean Museum has created a new exhibition showcasing the historical and social development of photography in Canada. Beginning with the 1800s, the exhibition focuses on the development and evolution of the photography industry in Ottawa.

Vanier Museopark
The Vanier Museopark is a community museum devoted to preserving the history of Vanier, the francophone heritage of Ottawa and so much more. Located in the heart of the Richelieu forest in Quartier Vanier, the Museopark is also home to Canada's — and possibly North America's — only urban sugar shack.

Bytown Museum
Located in the former Commissariat Building, which was constructed for Colonel By's Rideau Canal project, the Bytown Museum explores the stories of an evolving city and its residents, from its first inhabitants and the early days as Bytown to present-day Ottawa.

Billings Estate National Historic Site
Explore Ottawa's oldest woodframed house, home to five generations of the Billings Family, with the help of trained interpreters. During the summer months, be sure to stay for tea on the lawn.

Military and rural past in and below outskirts of city

In addition to its five urban sites, the Ottawa Museum Network works with six rural sites throughout the Ottawa region, from Carp to Vernon to Dunrobin and everywhere in between.

Diefenbunker: Canada's Cold War Museum
The Diefenbunker is Ottawa's most unique historical site. This four-story, 100,000-square-foot underground bunker was built between 1959 and 1961. During the Cold War, it was intended to house 535 Canadian government officials and military officers in the event of a nuclear war. Until 1994, it served as Canadian Forces Station Carp. Today, it operates as a museum and boasts award winning tours and programs. Visit the Diefenbunker to experience how Canadians once prepared for nuclear disaster.

Pinhey's Point Historic Site
Nestled on the banks of the Ottawa River (approximately 40 minutes west of downtown), Pinhey's Point features a nearly 200-year-old manor house and surrounding ruins and is an Ontario Heritage Trust site. Scenic views, historic buildings, stone ruins and rolling green hills come together to create one of the most spectacular places in Ottawa to relax, learn and explore.

Goulbourn Museum
Goulbourn Museum shares the story of Ottawa's oldest military settlement and early life in the former Goulbourn Township. Located in Ottawa's west end, just south of Stittsville, Goulbourn Museum houses a diverse collection of artifacts and many interactive exhibitions, including the 100th Regiment of Foot, dedicated to the soldiers who settled Goulbourn Township in 1818.

Cumberland Heritage Village Museum
A unique site in Canada, the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum tells the story of what rural life was really like during the 1920s and 30s. Don't miss the working blacksmith shop, carpentry shop, sawmill and pump factory or the heritage breed animals.

Osgoode Township Museum
The Osgoode Township Museum is home to a large collection of early farming tools and vehicles — tractors to snowmobiles and everything in between. It's also home to a beautiful heritage garden, which is a great place for a picnic.

The Deifenbunker was built during the Cold War to protect government officials in the event of a nuclear event. CONTRIBUTED

Watson's Mill
At Watson's Mill, discover how a gristmill works and enjoy a wheat grinding demonstration on Sunday afternoons. Learn more about Manotick by exploring Dickinson House, too.

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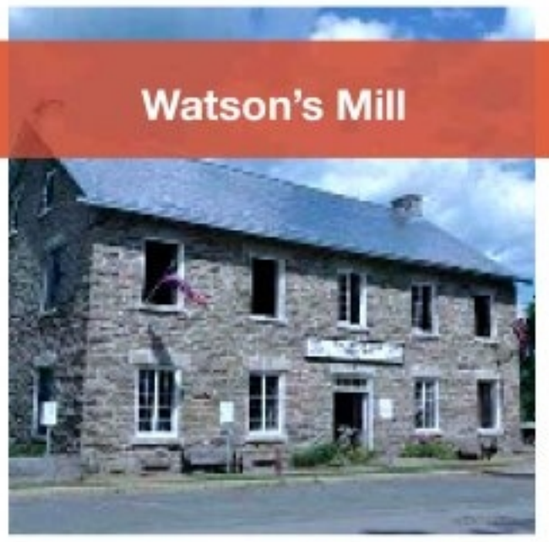

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON JAGMEET SINGH, CULTURE AND QUEBEC

He doesn't need the province to take the party leadership. But the niqab episode of the 2015 election could cause worries that a leader whose religious identity is a distinguishing feature is a recipe for disaster.

A betting person might wager that Jagmeet Singh — unless he stumbles badly and quickly out of the gate — could soon be the candidate to beat in the battle for Thomas Mulcair's succession.

With solid roots in the Ontario NDP — whose deputy leader he was until this week — and in multicultural Canada, Singh has the elements of a potential leadership juggernaut at his disposal.

The Sikh community is one of the most politically engaged in the country and Ontario offers the largest provincial pool of potential NDP supporters.

Singh has no federal experience but that did not prevent Alexa McDonough who had spent all her years in the Nova Scotia arena before moving on to Parliament Hill and Jack Layton who cut his teeth at Toronto City Hall from winning the leadership.

On a week when France has sworn in a 39-year-old president, it is hard to make a case that Singh, 38, is too young for the job of third party leader in the House of Commons.

He does not have much of a profile outside of Ontario and NDP circles. But then none of the four MPs who are already in the running is a national household name either. On that score, suffice it to say that there may have been more words written about Singh's leadership prospects before and since his entry in the NDP race than the sum of the characters expanded on all the other candidates.

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As opposed to the Liberals and the Conservatives, the New Democrats do not weight their leadership votes on a riding-per-riding basis. Under the party's winner-take-all one-member-one-vote formula, it is easier to secure the leadership with little or no support from some regions, especially if one enjoys a lot of backing in Ontario and British Columbia. Those two provinces have tended to tower above the others on the NDP membership rolls.

This is a roundabout way to say that Singh would not need to win Quebec or even to do particularly well in that province to score a decisive leadership victory next fall. In the last election, the party was routed in Ontario and wiped off the map of Atlantic Canada. In the circumstances, more than a few New Democrats might rank recouping the lost ground in those regions above other considerations.

With two leaders from Quebec — Justin Trudeau and the Bloc Québécois' Martine Ouellet — and possibly a third if Maxime Bernier wins the upcoming Conservative vote, competition among native sons and daughters will be fierce in 2019. Whoever succeeds Mulcair will not have as large a footprint in Quebec. The party will have an uphill battle on its hands in the province under any leadership scenario.

Still, it took half-a-century for the NDP to establish a presence in Quebec. No one wants to see Jack Layton's parting gift to his party squandered.

All of which has many New Democrats — starting with the party's 16 Quebec MPs — quietly wondering how Quebec, given its strong pro-secular bent, would take to a turban-wearing Sikh NDP leader. It was not so long ago that the Parti Québécois was campaigning on a promise to impose a secular dress code on all public servants.

Based on the niqab episode of the 2015 election, there are those who would readily answer that going into the 2019 campaign in Quebec under a leader whose religious identity is a distinguishing feature could be a recipe for disaster.

But that may amount to selling Quebecers short. Yes, the NDP took a hit in Quebec over the niqab issue but it was the scores of lapsed Liberal supporters who returned home that really pulled the rug from under Mulcair. Trudeau almost tripled the party's vote — mostly at the expense of New Democrats. Quebec's secularism debate has so far been a family discussion that has for the most part involved politicians who do not actually belong to a visible religious minority.

Singh's French would put to shame some of the former Conservative ministers who have spent the past year calling on their party to overlook their glaring deficiencies in the other official language.

No one should presume that an NDP leader who can otherwise connect in French with Quebecers would automatically lose the party's audience in the province on grounds of religious diversity.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

NEW VALUES NDP hopeful Jagmeet Singh doesn't need overwhelming support from Quebec to win the leadership race, and it helps that he speaks excellent French, Chantal Hébert writes.
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The Trump train is derailing. Loyalists, jump off now.

Vinay Menon
Torstar News Service

There are many mysteries in the universe: The statues on Easter Island. The Unicorn Frappuccino. But the biggest mystery of all is how anyone with a working brain can still cheer for Donald Trump.

On Tuesday evening, as the words "obstruction of justice" and "impeachment" shot into the Washington air like firecrackers, Jeffrey Lord reprised his role as the president's chief toady on CNN to inform viewers: "We are once again in high-tech lynching mode."

There was a glint of forlorn defeat in his eyes, like a man who keeps trying to convince his adult children the tooth fairy is real. Lord decided to board the Make America Great Again Express a long time ago. Now that it has derailed, he's trapped inside the wreckage, blaming everyone except the conductor. And he's not alone.

At the midway point of Trump's worst week in office — and that's saying something — his travelling band of surrogates, liars, bootlickers, enablers, brown-nosers and excuse-makers are in quite a bind.

They can cling to fantasy or reality. Fantasy: Trump is a victim of anything other than gross incompetence. Reality: Trump is on the verge of implosion and they are destined to become collateral damage.

Instead of defending the indefensible, Lord might give some thought to escaping. What he can't do is expect things to get better. They are only going to get worse.

What more can Trump do to make this clear? Twist off the heads of live kittens on national television? Invade Canada? Strip down and streak across Pennsylvania Avenue with the nuclear codes tattooed on his buttocks?

This week we learned Trump handles highly sensitive classified information the way a grade schooler treats a cooties secret. We learned he asked the FBI to stop investigating his inner circle, as if the FBI were a drywall contractor gouging the Trump Corporation in Manila.

We learned what we already knew: Trump is so unfit for public office, so incapable of not shooting himself in the foot while wearing his socks on his ears, the world would be better off if the Oval Office were occupied by a Talking Elmo glued atop a Roomba. There'd be much less danger and the floors would be clean.

It's one thing for Fox News, a longtime outpost for Republican talking points, to ignore, deflect or downplay the latest bombshells. Fox is the equivalent of North Korean state media. Any network that employs Lou Dobbs, Tucker Carlson and Sean Hannity — the axis of doofus — is not a network that is serious about reality.

But that still leaves a startling number of presumably decent people like Lord who have nothing to gain and everything to lose by continuing to shelter Trump from a crap storm of the president's making.

This week, Trump proved the Never Trumpers were always right. So the Trumpers Forever now have a choice: escape the mangled wreckage or perish inside.

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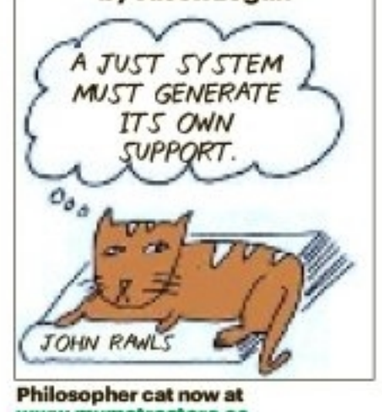

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Palme d'Or jury is split on the merits of online films

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Jury president Pedro Almodovar (left) with fellow jury members Jessica Chastain and Will Smith at the 70th international Cannes Film Festival Tuesday. AP PHOTO/ALASTAIR GRANT

The war of big vs. small movie screens at the Cannes Film Festival heated up Wednesday as Palme d'Or jury president Pedro Almodovar declared that prizes shouldn't be given to online-only films.

"I personally would not conceive not only the Palme d'Or but any other prize being given to a film and then not being able to see this film on the large screen," the veteran Spanish filmmaker told an international press audience on the festival's opening day.

Calling it "the debate of this year," Almodovar was clearly referring to the two Netflix films among the 19 competing for the Palme: Bong Joon-ho's sci-fi fantasy Okja, starring Tilda Swinton and Jake Gyllenhaal; and Noah Baumbach's The Meyerowitz Stories, a dysfunctional-family drama starring Dustin Hoffman, Emma Thompson, Adam Sandler and Ben Stiller.

Online giant Netflix has caused a furor in Cannes for refusing to commit to a traditional theatrical release in France of the two films prior to online distribution. Cannes has fought back by saying Netflix, which is in the Palme competition for the first time this year, won't be allowed into the 2018 festival unless it changes its policy.

Almodovar obviously sides with the festival, but his statement, read out in Spanish, English and French, was highly unusual given his leading role on the nine-member jury. The other jurors are Hollywood actors Will Smith and Jessica Chastain, German writer/director Maren Ade (Toni Erdmann); Chinese actress Fan Bingbing (X-Men: Days of Future Past); French actress/singer/filmmaker Agnès Jaoui (The Taste of Others); South Korean writer/director Park Chan-wook (Oldboy); Italian writer/director Paolo Sorrentino (The Great Beauty); and French-Lebanese composer Gabriel Yared (Xavier Dolan's It's Only the End of the World).

Normally, the jurors and their president go out of their way at the start of Cannes to declare their impartiality regarding the films they will be viewing and judging over the 12-day festival.

Almodovar obviously thinks the battle to preserve big-screen dominance is too important to ignore, even if it effectively suggest that Okja and The Meyerowitz Stories now have little chance of winning the Palme at festival's end on May 28, no matter how much the jury may like them.

He said he's willing to "acknowledge (and) celebrate the new technologies and the possibilities that they offer to us," but he'll stop short of giving them prizes if they result in films destined only to appear on TV and computer screens.

"I do acknowledge them, but (as long) as I'm alive, I'll be fighting for one thing that I'm afraid the new generation is not aware of: the capacity of hypnosis of the large screen for the viewer."

Almodovar's attack on Netflix caused some discomfort for actor Smith, sitting near him. His new film Bright, a fantasy cop thriller co-starring Noomi Rapace, is scheduled for a Netflix-only release in December.

Smith rose to the defence of Netflix, saying he uses the service at home and his family also enjoy regular visits to movie theatres.

"I have a 16-year-old and an 18-year-old and a 24-year-old at home. They go to the movies twice a week, and they watch Netflix. There's very little cross between going to the cinema and watching what they watch on Netflix."

Netflix allows Smith's children to "watch films they otherwise wouldn't have seen. It has broadened my children's global cinematic comprehension."

Smith was an unusual pick for the Cannes jury, given his career as one of the world's biggest stars, which normally lands him in blockbusters like Men in Black, Bad Boys and Suicide Squad rather than artier fare.

He joked about how he's excited about being on the Cannes jury, and he intends to watch closely and learn from the experience.

Smith admitted, though, to being shocked when his agent told him he'd have to watch three films per day for the better part of two weeks, with screenings beginning as early as 8:30 a.m. each day.

"I was probably 14 years old the last time I watched three movies in a day," he said.

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Alas, poor Elise has the Realest problem

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THE MOMENT: Elise!

Toronto's Real Housewives are too polite. CONTRIBUTED

"You look very business professional," personal assistant Elise assures Real Housewife Roxy, her flamboyant boss, as they enter a "business meeting" with Somen Mondal, a pal of Roxy's rich hubbie.

Roxy has an idea for an app to allow women to shop each other's closets. "Because I never want to wear something more than once and I imagine the general public is the same," she says breezily. She has "entrepreneurship in my blood" — she just doesn't know what that entails.

Mondal advises, "Step one, build a pitch deck." Roxy's face goes blank. "Are you getting this, Elise?" she asks. Elise scribbles in a notebook.

Mondal suggests a funding plan. "Did you get that down, Elise?" Roxy asks.

"Traction," Mondal says. "Traction, Elise," Roxy parrots, understanding nothing.

Dear Millennial Elise, with your calm gaze and your pen, this is my ode to you. This entire season had precisely one controversy: Joan got drunk, Kara gossiped about it. This just in: Canadians are polite.

But you, Elise, you are the one I wonder about. Do you have a BA from a worthy university mouldering in your bedside table drawer? Do you enjoy costuming your ostentatiously idle boss and then complimenting her, or was that "business professional" a secret slam?

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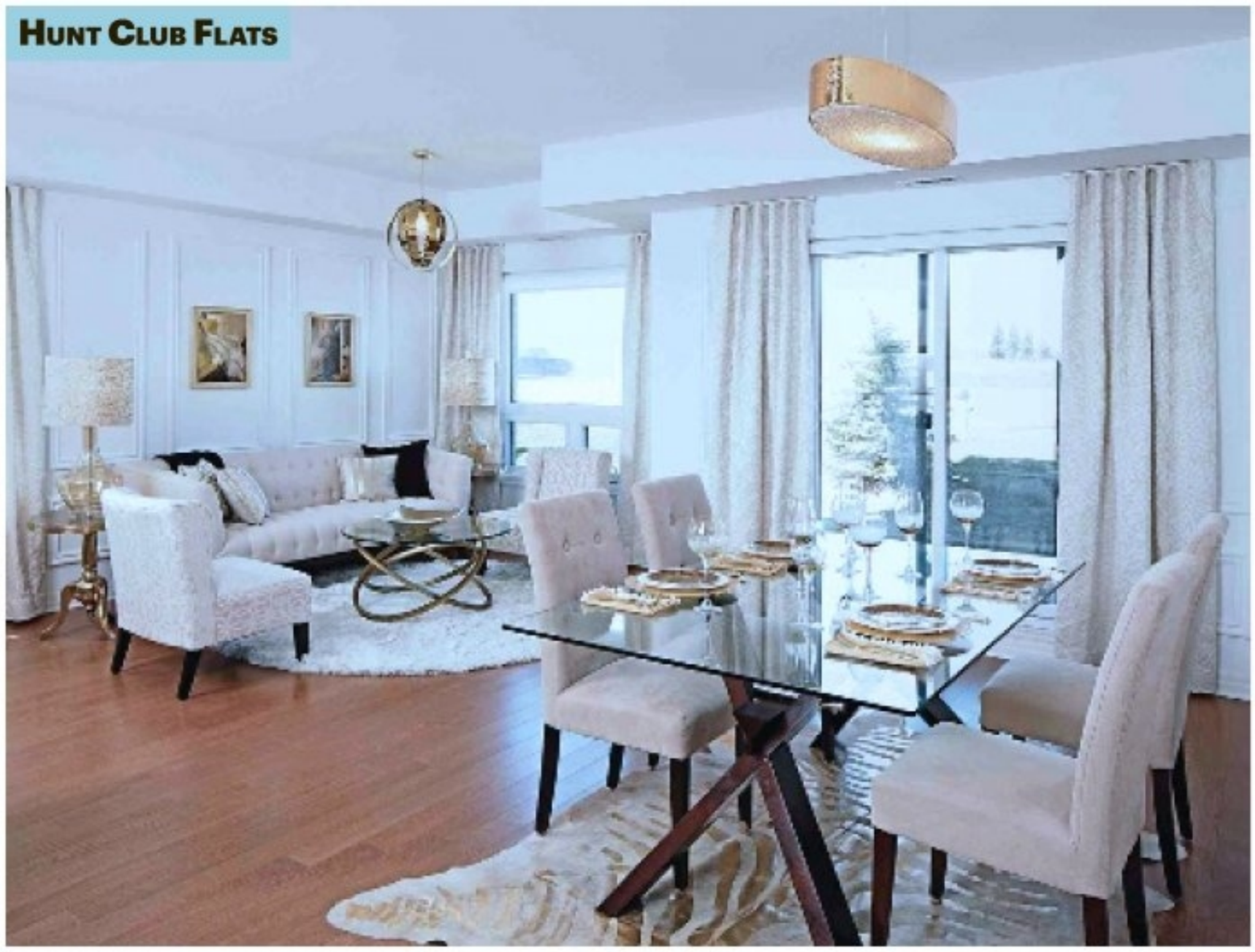

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Hunt Club Flats is a three-building development nestled in the Hunt Club area of Ottawa's south side. Condos boast top-of-the-line amenities and are conveniently located near green spaces and all the conveniences the community has to offer.

Location and transit

Hunt Club Flats is located just off Conroy Road with easy access to Hunt Club and other main roads. Transit is also available right at the doorstep of the development. Multiple local routes that serve larger, nearby stations make transferring buses to reach the downtown core an easy commute.

Housing amenities

Units are filled with high-end features. Stainless steel appliances and granite countertops compliment gourmet kitchen. Ceramic and hardwood flooring can be found throughout. Gas barbecue hookups on balconies and underground parking is available.

In the neighbourhood

The area is filled with schools and parks and surrounded by a variety of grocery stores. There's also a multitude of dining and shopping options nearby and other facilities to enjoy during leisure time, including fitness centres, movie theatres and coffee shops.

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"This team is a lot of fun to be around this year": GM Danny Ainge whose Celtics won the NBA lottery Tuesday on the eve of the NBA East finals

Gisele: Tom had head injury in '16

NFL

Pats' QB's wife worries about long-term health of husband

Tom Brady played through a concussion last year on his way to a fifth Super Bowl title, according to his wife, supermodel Gisele Bundchen. The injury, which was not reported by the team, left her worried about how long he should continue to play football.

Asked if she wanted the New England Patriots quarterback to retire, Bundchen expressed concern "as a wife" in an interview on CBS This Morning that aired Wednesday.

"He had a concussion last year. He has concussions pretty much every ..." she said, before cutting herself off. "I mean, we don't talk about it. But he does have concussions. I don't really think it's a healthy thing for anybody to go through."

Brady sat out the first four games of the season as punishment for his role in the "Deflategate" scandal and missed practice late in the season for leg, thigh and ankle injuries.

But he was not listed on the league-required injury reports for a concussion or head injury at any point during in the 2016 season.

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That kind of aggression all the time, that cannot be healthy for you. I'm planning on him being healthy and do a lot of fun things when we're like 100, I hope.
Gisele Bundchen

CONCUSSIONS

Ex-players pledge brains to CTE research

Leonard Marshall, left, and Matt Hasselbeck GETTY IMAGES

Two more retired football stars have pledged their brains to research.

Two-time Super Bowl champion Leonard Marshall and three-time Pro Bowl selection Matt Hasselbeck say they will donate their brains to the Concussion Legacy Foundation for research into chronic traumatic encephalopathy.

The announcements were made Wednesday as part of the second annual Brain Trust conference, which is hosted by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Marshall says he already has short-term memory loss and erratic behaviour. The former New York Giants defensive lineman is 55. Hasselbeck's father, Don, was a teammate of Marshall's on the Giants and pledged his brain to the foundation in 2010.

More than 1,800 former athletes and military veterans have pledged to donate their brains to the Concussion Legacy Foundation for CTE research. The progressive degenerative brain disease has been linked to repeated head trauma

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Pens keep rotating through injuries

2017 NHL PLAYOFFS
EASTERN CONFERENCE FINAL

The Pittsburgh Penguins were without Justin Schultz and Bryan Rust for Game 3 of the Eastern Conference final as injuries continue to mount for the defending Stanley Cup champions.

Schultz and Rust both left Game 2 with upper-body injuries and are listed as day-to-day, according to Penguins head coach Mike Sullivan. All indications pointed to the Pens dressing seven defencemen for Game 3 on Wednesday night with Trevor Daley returning from injury and Mark Streit playing for the first time since Apr. 9 of the regular season.

Sullivan said Daley and Streit would be game-time decisions.

Pittsburgh has been decimated by injuries all year-long, most notably with No. 1 defenceman Kris Letang out for the playoffs and No. 1 goaltender Matt Murray yet to play in the post-season.

"Every team goes through it," Sullivan said after a morning skate at the University of Ottawa. "We've had our share of it, maybe a little bit more than most. But what I love about this group of players is no one's looking for excuses, everybody's looking for answers.

"Our expectation is that we can win games," he added. "We're fortunate to have the depth that we have."

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Bryan Rust GETTY IMAGES

Go to metronews.ca for coverage of Game 3.

IN BRIEF

Raonic reaches 3rd round with win over Haas in Rome

Canada's Milos Raonic advanced to the third round of the Italian Open with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Germany's Tommy Haas on Wednesday.

Raonic, from Thornhill, Ont., used his dominant serve to dispatch Haas in a little over an hour. Raonic lost only 13 service points while firing 10 aces past the 39-year-old veteran and saving both break points he faced.

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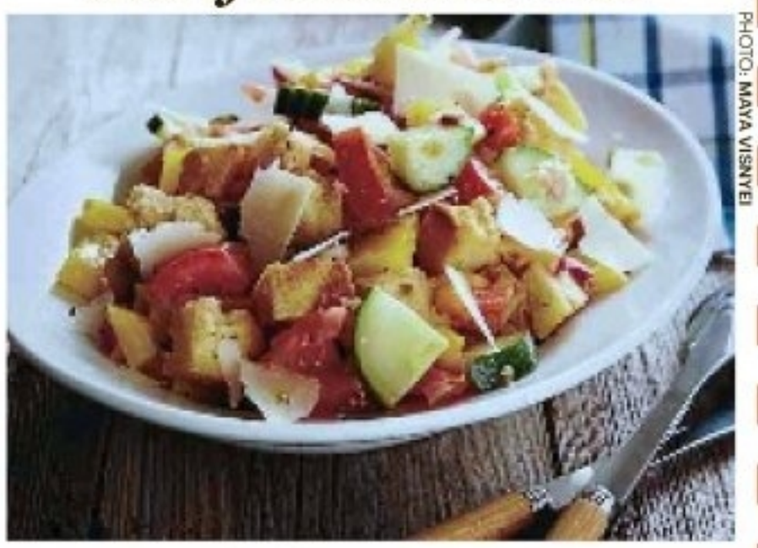
More members flee FIFA

In a further blow to FIFA's image under president Gianni Infantino, two more respected members of its governance oversight panel have left following the removal of their chairman last week. Navi Pillay, the former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and corporate human rights expert Ron Popper, have resigned, FIFA said on Wednesday following the exit of lawyer and former government minister Miguel Maduro. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAKE IT TONIGHT

Hearty Panzanella Salad



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This hearty salad is delicious on its own, but feel free to make it into a more complete meal by topping it with chopped rotisserie chicken.

Ready in 15 minutes
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: 5 minutes

Ingredients
- 4 cups of slightly stale crusty bread, like baguette
- 4 tomatoes roughly chopped
- 1 cucumber peeled and roughly chopped
- 1 yellow pepper
- 1/2 red onion finely sliced or chopped
- 1/2 cup pitted black olives
- 1/2 cup or so of shaved parmesan
- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 red wine vinegar
- 1/2 Tbsp dijon mustard
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Toss the first seven ingredients in your salad bowl first so that everything is evenly distributed.

2. Whisk together the last four ingredients in a small bowl until they are well combine.

3. There will be more dressing than you need, but you'll need more than you'd use for a regular salad as the bread will drink it up. Keep adding the dressing and tossing and tasting. You want to the bread to be moist and soften but not drowned by the dressing.

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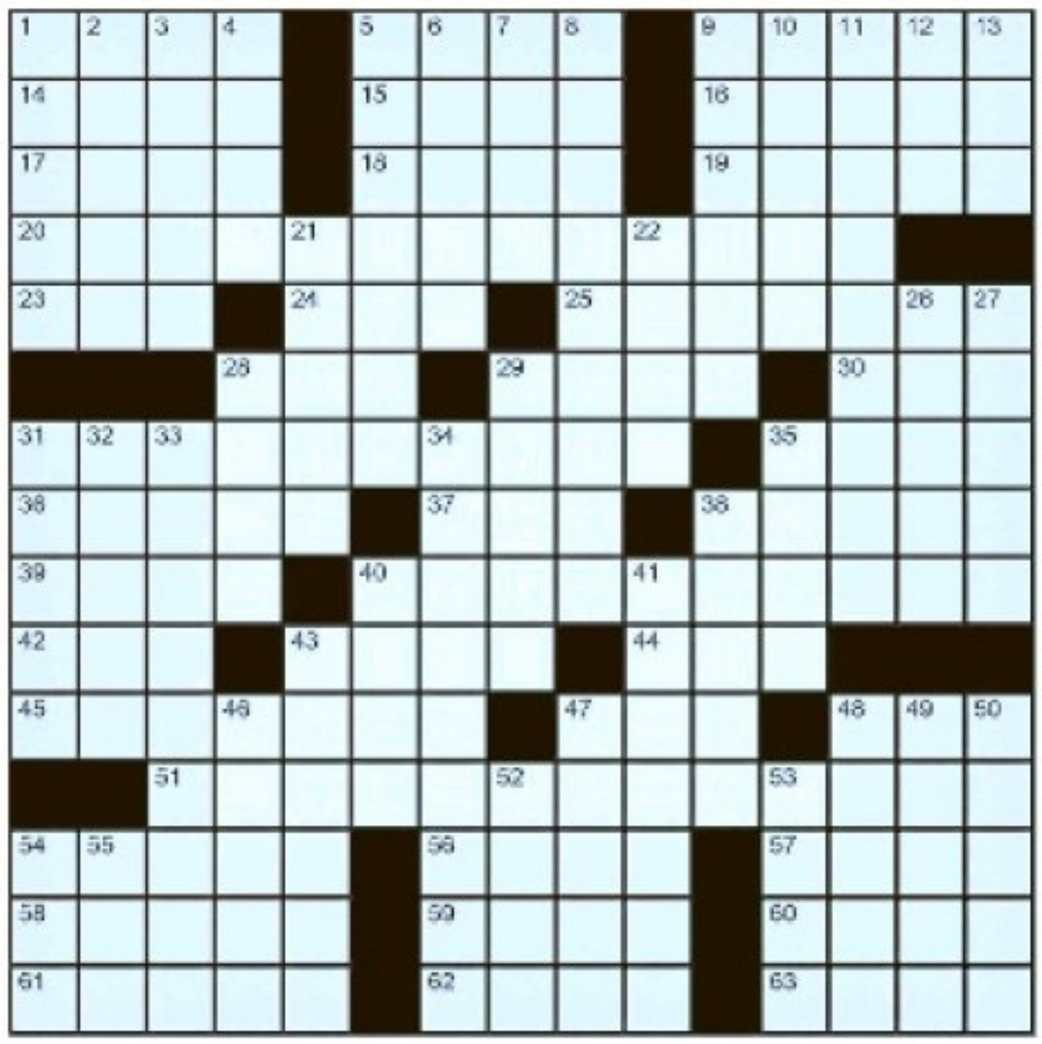
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Bird's crop
5. Shania Twain trophy, e.g.
9. Leg bone
14. Toy building block
15. Repenter
16. Stop!, in sailing
17. Finito
18. Env. info
19. Ceremonies
20. Ontario: __ Corners (Uniquely-named hamlet in Wilmot Township which is in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo)
23. Arrange
24. The Honourable Dr. Vivienne __, retired Canadian Senator
25. Garden chore
28. Mr. Wheaton
29. Love letter's envelope letters
30. "Golly."
31. Container for Canadian dairy brand
Sealtest: 2 wds.
35. ___ upswing
36. Mr. Sharif's
37. War on Poverty agcy.
38. Shipping container
39. "It's my turn.": 2 wds.
40. Where to find deals on pre-owned vehicles: 2 wds.
42. Cleaning cloth
43. Baking meas.
44. Bean and Cool J
45. One sticking to the rules
47. Movies composer Francis
48. Air travel overseer [acronym]
51. They cascade across the way in New York from Canada at Niagara: 2 wds.
54. "Like a Rolling Stone" ___ Dylan
56. Phyllis Diller's husband's name from her stand-up act
57. See
58. Actor Nick
59. Lake, in Italy
60. Horse part
61. Once ___ (Every seven days)
62. Vigour [abbr.]
63. Goulash

DOWN
1. Horseshoes-on-cobblestones noises
2. Variety show
3. Insurance __
4. Employment
5. Crayons creator
6. Jim of Blue Rodeo
7. Beatles' "Love ___"
8. Vulcan County village in Alberta that's south-east of Calgary
9. Herb __ (TV character who wore loud suits)
10. Foliaged, as stone walls
11. Gotham City Police Department searchlight to summon The Dark Knight
12. 'Expert' suffix
13. Cadillac ___ Sedan
21. Sagas
22. Mr. Cain
26. "Swell!"
27. Jean __ (The Balcony dramatist)
28. Cincinnati radio station for #9-Down
29. Heighty, as a hill
31. Ms. Shearer of "The Red Shoes" (1948)
32. Fuming one's statement: 2 wds.
33. Funny
34. Complained-about Canadian-manufactured infantry firearm of WWI: 2 wds.
35. Bruins legend Bobby's
38. San Diego's li'l state
40. Taxi alternative service
41. Loud noisiness, States-style
43. "Jeopardy!" host Alex
46. Theatrically overact
47. Actress, Jessica __
48. Parade route display
49. Solo
50. Awry
52. James of "Misery" (1990)
53. Donations
54. Passed in 1867, it made Canada [acronym]
55. "Ouch!"

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be prepared to act on an unexpected opportunity in publishing, the media, medicine, the law or anything to do with training and higher education. You will have to act quickly.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You might see new and innovative ways to approach an inheritance or shared property. Be open. The rigid tree is the first to snap in a storm.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Difficulties in partnerships and close friendships suddenly might reveal a solution or a way to feel more free. Whatever presents itself will have a brief window of opportunity.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
New ideas that are imaginative and original might help you at work. Similarly, new ideas also might give you a boost to your health. Keep an open mind (but not so open that everything falls out).

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
A new approach to working with children might arise now. Whatever happens will be a welcome change.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You might see new ways to make improvements where you live. You might even decide to move to a new place. It's possible that family news will surprise you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A surprise opportunity to change jobs or residences might fall in your lap. If so, be ready to act quickly, because the window of opportunity is brief.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You might see improved and innovative ideas about how to earn money. You might improve your current job or get a better job — who knows?

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are pumped with enthusiasm because you see a way to make a breakthrough in a new area that you are exploring. Something definitely will expand your world, and it's exciting!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
After giving up so much for others, you are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel. Something ahead looks promising!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
New friends and contacts with groups and organizations might change your world. You will expand it in a way that makes you feel more in touch with how things are done.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Surprise opportunities that can help you in your career are now at hand. Don't hesitate to take them. (You might not get a second chance.)

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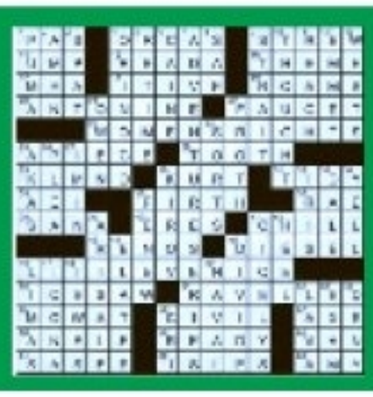

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